

REMARKS

This Replacement Amendment is presented to replace the amendment filed March 8, 2004, and which the Examiner found to be non-compliant as stated in the Notice of Non-Compliance mailed April 27, 2004. In this Replacement Amendment, all deletions from the specification of five characters and fewer are marked by way of double brackets, and claims 15 through 19 are indicated as "new" rather than "newly added". Applicants respectfully submit that this Replacement Amendment is in proper form, and reconsideration of this application is again respectfully requested.

Applicants respectfully maintain that all claims now in this case are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of this application is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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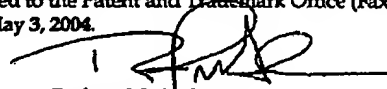
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